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SUBJ: PROPOSED GAO REVIEW: JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION

REF: STATE 181309

1. EMBASSY CONCURS WITH GAO REVIEW PLANS AND PROPOSED TRIP.
HOWEVER, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND TREASURY
KEEP SAG INFORMED OF THESE PLANS AND THAT WE OBTAIN ITS
APPROVAL.

2. OUR APPROACH IN LATTER REGARD WILL BE BASED ON OBSERVA-
TION THAT NOW THAT U.S.-SAUDI JOINT ECONOMIC COMMISSION IS
IN ITS FOURTH YEAR AND HANDLING PROJECTS VALUED AT A
CONSIDERABLE LEVEL, A REVIEW TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS
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OF THE COMMISSION IN MEETING SAUDI AND U.S. AIMS IS MERITED.
INCLUDED IN THE JUSTIFICATION FOR THE REVIEW WE SHOULD
EMPHASIZE TO THE SAG THAT WE ARE SEEKING IDEAS FOR IMPROVE-
MENTS IN THE OPERATION WHERE AND IF NECESSARY AND WELCOME
ITS FULL COOPERATION IN THE EXERCISE.

3. AS FOR THE SUGGESTED DATES IN SEPTEMBER, THE

FOREIGN MINISTRY ADVISED ALL DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS ON JULY 22 THAT NO OFFICIAL MISSIONS OR VISITS WOULD BE ACCEPTED BY SAG BETWEEN THE DATES OF JULY 25 THROUGH OCTOBER 2, 1978. WE SUGGEST THAT GAO VISIT BE AS CLOSE TO LATTER DATE AS POSSIBLE TO AVOID HAJ CRUSH WHICH WILL MOUNT TO HEAVY PROPORTIONS THIS YEAR ON OR ABOUT OCTOBER 15. WE MAY ALSO ANTICIAPTE A POSSIBLE HAJ MORATORIUM ON VISAS BUT THIS WILL AFFECT BUSINESSMEN MORE THAN OFFICIAL VISITORS.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE BEING APPRISED OF EXACT DATE OF VISIT AND NUMBER IN GAO TEAM WHEN DECIDED. WEST
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